

Application No.: 09/921,627  
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**Remarks/Arguments:**

The Official Action has indicated that Applicants have not complied with a condition for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date. Applicants' representative respectfully disagrees. The certified copies have been filed. No English translation is required at this time.

Claims 1, 10, 15 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Khawam (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,612). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over Khawam for the reasons set forth below.

Khawam discloses an emergency notification system. The emergency notification system includes a transceiver unit 20. A user interface unit 46 is connected to transceiver unit 20. Khawam says nothing about the connection between the user interface unit 46 and transceiver unit 20. It is presumed that wiring connects the two.

Applicants' invention is recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a terminal main body in a case ...

... a peripheral device ...

wherein wiring coupled to said peripheral device is prevented from extending outside of said case.

This feature is supported by the originally filed application at page 3, line 27 through page 4, line 9.

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As set forth at page 4, by not having wiring extending outside of the case and between the main body and the peripheral device:

... the reliability of the emergency informing terminal is enhanced, and an emergency call is processed securely. Moreover, the number of parts such as connection wires and connectors for connecting between the peripheral devices and emergency informing terminal can be curtailed.

This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

Claims 14, 15 and 28 also include the above-described feature of wiring which is coupled to the peripheral device and which is prevented from extending outside of the case. Thus, these claims are patentable over the art of record.

Claims 2-9, 12, 16-23 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam in view of Diaz (U.S. Patent No. 6,675,006). These claims, however, include the features of the respective independent claims from which they depend, thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record.

Claims 11 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam in view of Villevieille (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,650). Claims 13 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam in view of Abo (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,041).

Claims 14 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam in view of Diaz and further in view of Villevieille. These claims, however, include the features of the respective independent claims from which they depend. Thus, these claims are also patentable over the art of record.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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